

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re Application of:**

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Application No.: 09/986,627

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For: A SLIDER FORMED OF FIBER-  
REINFORCED THERMOPLASTIC  
RESIN (AS AMENDED)

Group Art Unit: 1771

**Examiner:** Unassigned

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

**Sir:**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b)(1), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted or cited by the Examiner in a prior application, No. 09/324,766, filing date June 3, 1999, upon which Applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

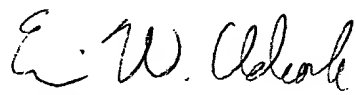
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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